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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6732nd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The question concerning Haiti

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2012/128)

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The co-facilitators on the monitoring mechanism to follow-up on all commitments related to Africa's development needs will hold follow-up consultations with the United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, on Wednesday, 14 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

A letter from the co-facilitators was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Delegations are reminded that *Friday, 9 March 2012* is the deadline to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A).

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the High-level Plenary Meeting will be established by a drawing of lots. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Capital master plan (A/66/527, A/66/527/Add.1, A/66/5 (Vol. V), A/66/324, A/66/7/Add.11 and A/66/179))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Conditions of service: Judges (A/66/617 and A/66/709)); and

Agenda item 142 (Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/66/674))

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1 and E (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1 and E (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/15, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) . . . . . [6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)
2. Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Pre-sessional Working Group on Communications

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

10–11.30 a.m. 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions (E/CN.6/2012/14 and E/CN.6/2012/1) . . . . . [5]

2. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

Introduction of draft proposals E/CN.6/2012/L.1, E/CN.6/2012/L.2, E/CN.6/2012/L.3, E/CN.6/2012/L.4, E/CN.6/2012/L.5, E/CN.6/2012/L.6 and E/CN.6/2012/L.7

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), on agreed conclusions under agenda item 3 (a) (i) (Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges)

[Please *click here* for the draft list of participants of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. Delegations are kindly requested to review the list and send any corrections to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org).]

[Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.]

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today*, 8 March 2012, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB), from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB), and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held, *today*, 8 March 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 8 March 2012

Asia-Pacific Group (informal meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (informal meeting) (First Committee experts)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Other activities

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Thursday, 8 March 2012

Special event on the occasion of the International Women's Day

2012 Forum on "The role of business in empowering women" (organized by the Business Civic Leadership Center, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 1.45 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register and for further information, please contact Ms. Lucie Brigham, UNOP (e-mail brigham@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3441).]

UNITAR workshop on "Elections to United Nations organs"

From 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Arria Formula meeting between the members of the Security Council and civil society on "Women's role in conflict mediation and resolution" (co-hosted by the Permanent Missions of Portugal and the United Kingdom)

From 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanne Stevens, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail hanne.stevens@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9240).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Thursday, 8 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General; Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); and Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) (to take stock of global progress made on the MDGs, including the recent milestones achieved on poverty and water, and to chart the way forward focusing on remaining challenges and actions to be taken to accelerate progress in the run-up to 2015) [*Moderator*: Mr. Martin Nesirky, Spokesperson for the Secretary-General]

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. . . . . Ms. Lisa Hall, Chief Executive Officer, Calvert Foundation; and Ms. Pam Flaherty, Chief Executive Officer, Citi Foundation (on the role of business in empowering women and to announce a new Citi/Calvert microfinance initiative to enhance financial inclusion of women) [*Moderator*: Mr. Roland Rich, Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP)]

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 9 March 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Briefings

The secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) will hold briefings on the Conference and its preparatory process. The briefings will be conducted by the Head of the UNCSD Office and Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Mr. Nikhil Seth, as follows: Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (on the way forward to the Conference and the Conference itself); Wednesday, 14 March, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB) (on the institutional framework for sustainable development (IFSD)); and Thursday, 15 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (on sustainable development goals (SDGs)). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 4528).

Informal informal negotiations

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

The Human Rights Committee will hold its one hundred and fourth session from Monday, 12, to Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 12, and Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for development". The Council will have before it a background note by the Secretary-General on the theme of the meeting (E/2012/7)[1].

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. *sharp*, on Monday, 12 March 2012. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, will deliver opening addresses, which will be followed by the statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies of the major institutional stakeholders.

There will be four consecutive informal thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate 1: Financing of sustainable development (Monday, 12 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.);

Thematic debate 2: Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade (Monday, 12 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.);

Thematic debate 3: Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade (Tuesday, 13 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.); and

Thematic debate 4: Financing of sustainable development (Tuesday, 13 March, from 3 to 5.45 p.m.)

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-622), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; room DC2-2170).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the four thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and would therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

Additional information on the meeting is available on the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2012/>.

Plenary meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/23 and decision 2012/2, the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), will convene a one-day meeting of the Council on Thursday, 15 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

[1] To be issued.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its seventh session (E/2011/45–E/C.18/2011/6)[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2012/8)[1].

During the morning meeting, a panel discussion on the theme "The role of multilateral bodies in strengthening international cooperation in tax matters" will be held, followed by a general discussion. During the afternoon meeting, the President of the Council will chair the launch of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries (2011 update), after which the general discussion will continue.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-603A; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org; room DC2-2148; fax 1 (917) 367-5869).

For more information please, contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653) or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2012ICTM/index.htm>.

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

[1]To be issued.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), on behalf of the Chair, will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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African Group (Third Committee experts)

Friday, 9 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Informal open-ended consultations with Member States convened by the Chair-designate of the upcoming Preparatory Committee for the 2012 Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Wednesday, 14 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Working session on "Identification of sustainable urbanization options for cities based on the case study of the Municipality of Konya, Turkey" (organized by the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, in cooperation with the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), and sponsored by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Friday, 9 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 3 (NLB)*.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail HabitatNY@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200).]

Informal briefing on "The G-20 Mexican presidency" (by high-level representatives of Mexico) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Friday, 9 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sara Luna, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail sluna@sre.gob.mx; tel. 1 (212) 752-0220).]

UNITAR workshop on "Positioning of the United Nations system in a changing development landscape" (organized in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, as part of the UNITAR Series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (Module III))

Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Round-table discussion on "Reflections on the relevance of the Manila Declaration in today's world" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of the Philippines (Mr. Robert Borje (e-mail robert.e.a.borje@gmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 385-7121); or Ms. Theresa Narbuada (e-mail tetnarbuada@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 385-7128)).]

Expert Group Meeting on "Transfer pricing and capacity development in tax matters" (co-organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung New York Office)

Wednesday, 14 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[The event is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Lennard, Financing for Development Office, DESA (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2012EgmTax/index.htm>.]

Panel discussion on "Human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, women's empowerment and art" (Ashley Judd in conversation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Wednesday, 14 March 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Susana Castillo, UNODC (e-mail castillos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy/NYworkshop>; or contact Ms. Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Submission of national reports on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on Small Arms and the International Tracing Instrument

With reference to General Assembly resolution 66/47 dated 2 December 2011, entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects" (A/RES/66/47), and Note Verbale ODA/43-2011/SALW-PoA, dated 13 December 2011, from the Office for Disarmament Affairs, Member States are reminded of the submission of national reports on their implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Member States that have not yet done so are encouraged to make their submissions in advance of the convening of the Preparatory Committee for the Programme of Action Review Conference (19–23 March 2012). Member States may wish to make use of the reporting template, which enables direct on line submissions of their national reports and is available in the six official languages of the United Nations <www.poa-iss.org/reporting>. A unique user account name and password for on line submissions have been issued to Member States. Submissions may be transmitted on line or in hardcopy to the Office for Disarmament Affairs. For information and assistance, please contact the Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail conventionalarms-unoda@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2390).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the

Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 7 March 2012

Security Council

6731st meeting

The situation in Libya

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (S/2012/129)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Libya, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ian Martin, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Ian Martin.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Abdurrahim El-keib, Prime Minister of Libya.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, France, Germany and China.

H.E. Mr. El-keib made a further statement.

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Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

15th meeting (closed) *Communications concerning the status of women* . . . . . [4]

The Commission considered the item in a closed session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Adoption of Amendments to Annex III (7 March 2012)[1]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 10 December 2008

Ratification: Slovakia (7 March 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Zimbabwe
H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

Asia-Pacific States:
Micronesia (Federated States of)
H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

Eastern European States:
Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

Western European and other States:
San Marino
H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
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